



STATE OF MICHIGAN

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
LANSING

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ELIZABETH HERTEL  
DIRECTOR

**RECIPIENT RIGHTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**PROPOSED MEETING NOTES**

**October 14, 2021**

**1:00 PM – 3:00 PM**

**MDHHS 3rd floor Elliott-Larsen Building**

**PRESENT**

Committee Members: Jennifer Gorman, Chair, Elizabeth Healy, Elizabeth O'Dell, Pat Root, Dianne Baker, Dr. Robert Lagrou.

Vendella Collins and Margaret Stooksberry present on conference phone.

ORR Staff: Raymie Postema, Jim Klingenberg, Sara Claybaugh (recorder), Andrew Silver.

**ABSENT**

Shaun Thompson (excused) and Tish Watson (excused).

**OPENING REMARKS**

Jennifer Gorman

- Call to Order.
  - Meeting called to order at 1:05 PM.
- Approval of Agenda.
  - Elizabeth O'Dell motioned to approve, and Elizabeth Healy seconded the motion. October 2021 agenda approved as written.
- Approval of Meeting Minutes – October 2021.
  - Elizabeth O'Dell motioned to approve, and Robert Lagrou seconded. October 2021 Meeting Minutes approved as written.

**New Business**

- Welcome Patricia "Pat" Root
  - Raymie introduced and welcomed Pat.
  - Pat is a member of the RRAC for Washtenaw CMH.
  - Pat brings many years of experience to the Committee.
- RRAC Openings and Election of new Vice Chair
  - Jennifer Gorman announced she is stepping down from the RRAC and Vice-Chair, Elizabeth Healy will assume the role of Chairperson.
  - Asked for interest in filling Vice Chair position. Elizabeth O'Dell volunteered to assume the Vice-Chair position.
  - Three committee member positions are currently vacant.
  - Elizabeth Hertel will be provided recommendations for appointment by Raymie Postema.
- RRAC Members Training
  - Training will occur after committee openings are filled.

- Bylaws Review and Vote
  - Revisions to Bi-Laws need to be completed and will be addressed by Elizabeth Healy at next meeting.

**Additions to New Business**

- Two vacancies on Appeals committee.

**ORR Updates and Reports**

- ORR Director Raymie Postema
  - Assessments will be done starting in Nov 2021 for Licensed Private Hospitals.
    - Completed assessments will be posted to the LARA website.
  - October 26<sup>th</sup> will be presenting to CMHAM on Mediation.
  - Changes made to NGRI process related to discharges and Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT)
    - No longer using contract ALS.
  - Interviews for Executive Secretary occurring next week.
  - Legislative Bills 597 & 598 being proposed. RRAC should be familiar with these bills.
  - Chapter 9A creates Crisis Stabilization Units. Development of certification process is starting and ORR has been invited to work on this.

- Education, Training and Compliance Unit Andrew Silver
  - Education Report
    - RR Conference (Virtual) was a success, 367 Attendees.
    - Getting initial evaluations, good feedback.
    - Veronica Ryan appreciated for coordination of Conference.
    - Debbie Monroe "Cookie Gant Award" winner.
  - Semi-Annual Report data completed
    - Looks for patters and trends.
    - Need to review data as a few issues were reported.

- Investigation Unit James Klingenberg
  - Staffing Changes
    - Sue Witting moved to ORR Education, Training and Compliance Unit as a Rights Specialist.
    - Karen Currington to replace Sue as Rights Specialist.
    - Jennifer Gorman to replace Karen as Rights Rep at CFP.
    - Sara Claybaugh hired as Executive Assistant to Investigations Unit.
    - Isabel Szymecko hired as Student Assistant at KPH.
    - Still have a vacancy for a Student Assistant at WRPH.
  - Building Blocks Training occurring virtually with Karen & Jim 10/20/21.
  - Reports for Quarterly numbers delayed due to change in Data System Siebel CRM program.

**Old Business**

- None

**Additional Business**

Committee

**Public Comment**

None

**Additional Items for Next Meeting**

- Raymie Postema to present Budget at next meeting.
- David Knezek, Chief Deputy of Administration to be invited to join.
- Changed Meeting time from 2.5 hours to 2 hours.
- Training for Members.
- Review bylaw changes.

**Adjournment**

- Meeting adjourned at 3:03 PM